

## FRENCH PRIZE DEBATE.

In the Russell Theatre on Sunday night, April 13th, the French Debating Society brought its season to a close with the holding of the annual prize debate.

The debate, as well as the excellent musical programme which was presented, afforded an interesting as well as instructive evening's entertainment to the large audience present.

The question of debate read, "Has Canada Discharged Her Debt of Gratitude to England?" The debaters for the affirmative were Messrs. H. Menard, '15. and R. de la Durantaye, '15. The negative was upheld by Messrs. R. Barrette, '16, and J. Perron, '14.

The arguments produced by both sides were both weighty and logically presented, and each of the four speeches was admirably delivered. The gold medal, however, was awarded to Mr. H. Menard, while the negative was given the decision of the debate.

Mr. A. Harris occupied the chair. The judges were Rev. Father Gauvreau, O.M.I., Dr. J. Archambault and Mr. J. Tremblay.

The musical programme included songs by Messrs. J. Leduc, L. Labelle and A. Cornellier. An excellent choral was also rendered by the University choir.

The season just closed has been one of the most successful in the history of the organization. Much of the success is due to Rev. Father A. Normandin, Moderator of the Society.

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This season's debating activities came to a close on Monday evening, April 27th, when the members of the English Debating Society met for the election of officers for the 1913-14 term. Mr. McHugh, the retiring president, occupied the chair, and after secretary-treasurer L. Kelley had read the annual statements, nominations were held, and the following executive was elected to office: President, F. W. Hackett; Vice-President, L. W. Kelley; Secretary-Treasurer, C. A. Mulvihill; Councillors, J. Sullivan and W. Unger.

The season now closed was a most successful one. Although Alma Mater was defeated in the Intercollegiate debate with Toronto University, nevertheless her representatives gave an excellent account of themselves. The gold medal prize debate held on April 23rd was also quite up to the standard. There will be a goodly number of able speakers from which to choose the Intercollegiate representatives next fall.